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FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BONN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: PFOR, GR, TU, CY

SUBJECT: CYPRUS

1. MORNING AUG 20, GERMAN MINISTER PECKERT CALLED ON ME (IN ABSENCE OF AMB SONNENHOL WHO IS IN ISTANBUL). PECKART'S PURPOSE WAS TWOFOLD. FIRST, HE CAME TO EXPRESS "CONDOLENCES AND SOLIDARITY" OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY AND OF THE ENTIRE GERMAN COMMUNITY OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF RODGER DAVIES. HE SAID, IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO NOEL AND MOORE, THAT I HAD PERSONALLY LOST A NUMBER OF FRIENDS RECENTLY, AND I SAID THAT THIS WAS SO AND THAT MY LOSSES INCLUDED GERMAN AMB VONSPRETE (MURDERED IN GUATEMALA WHO HAD BEEN MY CLOSE FRIEND WHEN WE SERVED TOGETHER IN JORDAN.

2. PECKERT TEHN SAID HE HAD SOME INFORMATION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON TO ME. FIRST, HE SAID, THAT AMB SONNENHOL DURING HIS STAY IN ANKARA OVER PAST WEEKEND HAD CALLED ON PRIMIN AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS OF FRG TO BE HELPFUL IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION. PECKERT SAID THAT PRIMIN THANKED THE AMB FOR THIS OFFER, BUT DID NOT CARRY THE DISCUSSION FURTHER.

3. PECKERT SAID HE ALSO WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT THEIR AMB IN ATHENS HAD HAD A TALK WITH AVEROFF, AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY,
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AUGUST 16, AND THE LATTER HAD SAID, DURING THIS TALK, THAT GREECE

WAS GOING TO NEED THE HELP OF ITS FRIENDS TO GET OUT OF THE CYPRUS MESS. AVEROFF WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHAT WAS GOING TO BE NEEDED WAS THE HELP OF SOME ONE WHO HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES AND WHO COULD OPERATE UNDER A NATO UMBRELLA. AVEROFF HAD ADDED THAT THE GREEKS WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT THE AEGEAN PROBLEM ON THE TABLE AS WELL.

4. ACCORDING TO PECKERT, AT THIS POINT GERMAN AMB IN ATHENS ASKED AVEROFF WHETHER THESE WERE PERSONAL VIEWS OR WHETHER THEY WERE OFFICIAL VIEWS. AVEROFF RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT FONMIN, HE WAS VERY CLOSE TO KARAMANLIS AND THESE WERE OFFICIAL VIEWS.

5. PECKERT WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONCERNING US

RECENT CONTACTS WITH GOT, BUT HE DID NOT PRESS THIS UNDULY. I SAID ONLY THAT ALL OUR RECENT CONTACTS HAD BEEN FOCUSED FIRST ON GETTING A FIRM CEASEFIRE AND SECONDLY, ON GETTING NEGOTIATIONS STARTED AGAIN.

6. COMMENT: I ASSUME DEPT ALREADY HAS MORE AUTHORITATIVE REPORT OF FOREGOING EITHER FROM EMBASSY ATHENS OR EMBASSY BONN, BUT IF SO, MIGHT STILL WISH TO KNOW WHAT GERMAN EMBASSY IS SAYING HERE.
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